

**Town of Woodstock  
Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting  
Wednesday, September 30, 2015  
7:00 PM – Room A**

**PRESENT:** D. Mitchell Eaffy, Chandler Paquette

**ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:** Allan D. Walker, Jr.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dawn Adiletta, Joseph Adiletta, Everett Cowley, Joni Cullan, George French, Roger Gale, Jean McClellan, Stewart Morse, Jeff Stefanik, Kevin Withers, WINY

**1. Call to Order**

Selectman Eaffy called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**2. Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment to the Ordinance “Creating the Woodstock Agricultural Land Preservation and Land Acquisition Fund”**

Eaffy explained that the purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing on the request submitted by the Open Space Land Acquisition and Farmland Preservation Commission (OSLAFP) to amend the Town Ordinance “Creating the Woodstock Agricultural Land Preservation and Land Acquisition Fund.” He stated that the First Selectman recused himself of the entire process because of the possibility that a conflict of interest may arise.

Dawn Adiletta, Chairperson of the OSLAFP Committee, was invited to speak about their proposed amendment to the ordinance. She reviewed the language identifying the process for the disposition of town-owned real estate designated as open space land. The steps would include: 1) a review by the Conservation Commission, 2) a public hearing before the Board of Selectmen, and 3) a review by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Selectmen would evaluate the proposed disposition by assessing each property. The property shall be conveyed subject to a conservation easement prohibiting development and the easement should be transferred to an independent third party. The land shall not be conveyed to any individual solely to allow enough acreage to sub-divide or develop the property. Disposition is subject to approval by a Town Meeting. Any funds received from conveyance should be applied to the town’s Open Space Fund.

Stewart Morse, Dugg Hill Road, Woodstock, CT, stated that the Agricultural Commission was not in existence when Amendment II, Section 3 of the Ordinance was approved, and was not listed as one of the Boards and Commissions that makes up the Open Space Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee. He asked that the Agricultural Commission be

included in Section 3 of the Ordinance so that one of their members can be a part of the Committee.

Joseph Adiletta, Doctor Pike Road, East Woodstock, asked if the request that the Agricultural Commission be added into the Ordinance is allowed as this time because it would revise a previous amendment. Eaffy stated that it should be allowable. It would mean that the proposed amendment would need to be revised to include the language.

The public hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

### **3. Adjournment**

**Paquette moved** to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Joni Cullan, Recording Clerk